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# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Thursday Evening, June 30, 2016

## ***Electricity***

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### **PG&E Reports 22,000 Customers in California Briefly without Power Due to Protestor on Electrical Tower June 29**

PG&E on Wednesday evening de-energized two powerlines, affecting approximately 22,000 customers in Santa Rosa, California, as police attempted to remove a protestor who climbed to the top of an electrical tower. Power was restored within one hour.

<https://www.facebook.com/SantaRosaPoliceDepartment>

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/5796503-181/power-cut-to-22000-people?artslide=0>

### **Update: Talen Energy's 1,105 MW Susquehanna Nuclear Unit 1 in Pennsylvania at Full Power by June 30**

On the morning of June 29 the unit was operating at 90 percent after restarting on June 27. Unit 1 was manually shut down on June 6 due to a water leak inside the unit's containment structure. During an inspection of the area, a second minor leak was identified on June 8 from a pipe beneath the reactor vessel.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2016/>

### **FirstEnergy's 1,235 MW Perry Nuclear Unit 1 in Ohio Reduced to 70 Percent by June 30**

On the morning of June 29 the unit was operating at 86 percent.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2016/>

### **Southern Company, AGL Resources receive final merger approval from New Jersey Regulators June 29**

Southern Company and AGL Resources on Wednesday announced they received unanimous regulatory approval of a proposed merger from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU). AGL Resources is the parent company of Elizabethtown Gas, a regulated utility providing natural gas distribution services to customers in New Jersey. The BPU's decision represents the final regulatory approval needed to close the previously announced merger, which was unanimously approved by state regulators. When completed, the combination of Southern Company and AGL Resources will bring together eleven regulated electric and natural gas distribution companies providing service to approximately 9 million customers; operations of nearly 200,000 miles of electric transmission and distribution lines; over 80,000 miles of gas pipelines; and approximately 44,000 MW of electricity generating capacity.

<http://www.southerncompany.com/news/iframe-pressroom.cshtml>

## ***Petroleum***

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### **Update: Husky Says Its 60,000 b/d Sunrise Oil Sands Operations Back to Normal June 30**

Husky Energy's Sunrise oil sands operations in northern Alberta were back to normal after the project shut down last month due to wildfires in the region, a company spokesman said on Thursday.

Reuters, 11:01 June 30, 2016

### **Tesoro Says Unplanned Work Underway at Its 120,000 b/d Anacortes, Washington Refinery June 30**

Tesoro Corp said unplanned maintenance was underway at its Anacortes, Washington refinery on June 30.

Reuters, 12:00 June 30, 2016

## **Update: Canada Court Overturns Federal Approval of Enbridge's Northern Gateway Oil Pipeline from Alberta to British Columbia June 30**

Canada's Federal Court of Appeal on Thursday released a decision overturning the approval of Enbridge Inc.'s 731-mile Northern Gateway pipeline, which would carry oil from the Alberta oil sands to the deep-water port of Kitimat in northern British Columbia for export. The court ruled that the government had failed in its duty to consult with Aboriginal groups on the pipeline when it was approved in 2014 and sent the matter back to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's cabinet for a "prompt redetermination." The 36-inch westbound pipeline would carry an average of 525,000 b/d of oil and the 20-inch eastbound pipeline would carry an average of 193,000 b/d of condensate.

Reuters, 13:28 June 30, 2016

<http://www.gatewayfacts.ca/About-The-Project/Project-Overview.aspx>

## **U.S. Crude Production Falls 222,000 b/d in April to 8.9 Million b/d – EIA**

U.S. crude oil production fell for the seventh straight month in April, dropping 222,000 b/d to 8.933 million b/d, according to the Energy Information Administration (EIA) on Thursday. The EIA also revised its March data upward to 9.155 million b/d in its monthly production report.

Reuters, 14:01 June 30, 2016

## ***Natural Gas***

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### **Update: Dominion Continues Evaluation of Unplanned Outage Due to Severe Weather at Its Cornwell Station in West Virginia June 29**

Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI) on Wednesday was continuing to evaluate the facilities associated with the unplanned outage on June 24 at its Cornwell Station due to severe weather. The following facilities must remain shut-in until further notice: Direct taps on TL-569, TL-585, and TL-263; All Production in Bubble 2301; Field compression in Bubbles 2206, 2207, 2303, 2304, 2305, 3225, 3226, 3227, 9912, and 9913. Delivery nominations during this period from EB005, EB045, EB335, EB460, Pod 9, Pod 10, Pod 12, and Pod 13 will be kept whole by DTI.

[https://escript.dom.com/jsp/info\\_post.jsp?&company=dti#](https://escript.dom.com/jsp/info_post.jsp?&company=dti#)

### **TransCanada Announces Closing Conditions Satisfied for Acquisition of Columbia Pipeline Group**

TransCanada Corporation on Thursday announced that all conditions required to complete the previously announced acquisition of Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc. under the terms of the merger agreement have been satisfied and that all necessary filings have been made for the transaction to take effect on July 1, 2016. The acquisition incorporates approximately 56,100 miles of natural gas pipelines connecting the continent's most prolific supply basins to premium markets; 664 billion cubic feet of natural gas storage; and \$25 billion of secured, near-term growth projects in Canada, the United States, and Mexico.

<http://www.transcanada.com/announcements-article.html?id=2067394&t>

## ***Other News***

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Nothing to report.

## ***International News***

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### **ExxonMobil Confirms Significant Oil Discovery Offshore Guyana June 30**

ExxonMobil Corporation on Thursday said that drilling results from the Liza-2 well, the second exploration well in the Stabroek block offshore Guyana, confirm a world-class discovery with a recoverable resource of between 800 million and 1.4 billion oil-equivalent barrels. The Liza wells are located in the Stabroek block approximately 120 miles offshore Guyana.

<http://news.exxonmobil.com/press-release/exxonmobil-says-second-well-offshore-guyana-confirms-significant-oil-discovery>

## OPEC Oil Output Hits 32.82 Million b/d in June

Supply from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has risen to 32.82 million b/d in June, from a revised 32.57 million b/d in May, the survey based on shipping data and information from industry sources found. OPEC's June output exceeds January's 32.65 million b/d.

Reuters, 9:18 June 30, 2016

## Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
June 30, 2016			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	48.22	49.26	58.94
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	2.93	2.78	2.80

Source: Reuters

## Links

***This Week in Petroleum*** from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

<http://www.eia.gov/oog/info/twip/twip.asp>

Updated every Wednesday.

***Weekly Petroleum Status Report*** from EIA

[http://www.eia.gov/oil\\_gas/petroleum/data\\_publications/weekly\\_petroleum\\_status\\_report/wpsr.html](http://www.eia.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html)

Updated after 10:30 AM & 1:00 PM ET every Wednesday.

***Natural Gas Weekly Update*** from EIA

<http://www.eia.gov/oog/info/ngw/ngupdate.asp>

Updated after 2:00 PM ET every Thursday.

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